



SOME MASONIC LODGES IN SOUTHERN ILLINOIS 1850 AND EARLIER
(ANCIENT FREE AND ACCEPTED MASONS)

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The following information was copied from original records in 1850 by John C. REYNOLDS, Deputy Grand Secretary of the Grand Lodge of Illinois, A.F. & A.M.

Officers shown for charter years transferred their membership from another Lodge if they are not listed as a new member for that year.

MONROE LODGE NO. 28

Waterloo, Monroe County, Illinois

Chartered October 2, 1844. Disbanded 1874-75.

1847

NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED DURING 1847: E. AXLEY, John M. WOOTERS

MEMBERS WHO DIED DURING 1847: Thomas JAMES

OFFICERS ELECTED MAY 29, 1847: John COLMAN, Worshipful Master; Elam RUST, Senior Warden; Bradley RUST, Junior Warden; John A. REED, Treasurer; Daniel CONVERSE, Secretary; James AXLEY, Senior Deacon; Wm. COWELL, Junior Deacon; Charles H. PRUSKER, Tyler

December 17, 1847 John COLMAN, Worshipful Master, resigned his office and E.P. ROGERS was elected Worshipful Master to replace him.

1848

NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED DURING 1848: Valentine WERHEIM

OFFICERS ELECTED IN JULY, 1848: Emery P. ROGERS, Worshipful Master; James R. AXLEY, Senior Warden; John MORRISON, Junior Warden; William SIMPSON, Treasurer; Daniel CONVERSE, Secretary; Jeremiah COLEMAN, Senior Deacon; William COWELL, Junior Deacon; William W. WYLES, Tyler

1849

NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED DURING 1849: W.E. CLARK, Calvin JOHNSON, Charles HOWARD

Only five meetings were held by the Lodge during the year. The officers elected in 1848 continued in office.

1850

NO NEW MEMBERS JOINED DURING 1850

MEMBERS WHO DIED DURING 1850: J.M. WOOTERS

OFFICERS ELECTED JULY 26, 1850: John COLMAN, Worshipful Master; Bradley RUST, Senior Warden; Jeremiah COLMAN, Junior Warden; I.M. MOORE, Treasurer; Daniel CONVERSE, Secretary; Cortez CROCKER, Senior Deacon; Charles HOWARD, Junior Deacon; John A. REID, Tyler

MASONIC LODGES (cont.)

CALEDONIA LODGE NO. 47

North Caledonia, Pulaski County, Illinois

This Lodge was chartered October 5, 1847, and is still active in its present location at Pulaski, Pulaski County, Illinois.

1847

NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED DURING 1847: John MIZE, Henry D. RIDDLE, Joel B. MABRY, John F. POE, Joseph STREET, Daniel ASTEE, James M. DAVIDGE, Wm. J. SPENCER, Melbone STEERS, J.G. STEERS, Allen CROWELL

OFFICERS ELECTED IN 1847: George HAWPE, Worshipful Master; James S. SMITH, Senior Warden; George W. HOWELL, Junior Warden; Joseph STREET, Treasurer; James M. DAVIDGE, Secretary; Joel B. MABRY, Senior Deacon; John F. POE, Junior Deacon

1848

NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED DURING 1848: Samuel COPELAND, Isaac W. FINK, Henry H. BUMLEY, A.J. KUYKENDALL, R.H. WARNER, J.B. HARRIS, G.B. MASSEY, Hiram BOREN, John W. RIGBY, John L. BARBER, David BEATY, A. YOUNGBLOOD, J.Y. CLEMSEN

OFFICERS ELECTED IN 1848: George HAWPE, Worshipful Master; James S. SMITH, Senior Warden; John DOUGHERTY, Junior Warden; Joseph STREET, Treasurer; James B. DAVIDGE, Secretary; J.B. MABRY, Senior Deacon; H.D. RIDDLE, Junior Deacon; John W. RIGBY, Tyler

1849

NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED DURING 1849: Jonathan FREEMAN, William STANDARD, S.B. SHOATE, James M. HALL, Edwin B. CALIFF, O.S. SAYRE

OFFICERS ELECTED IN 1849: George HAWPE, Worshipful Master; Joseph STREET, Senior Warden; James M. DAVIDGE, Junior Warden; Abraham YOUNGBLOOD, Treasurer; James Y_____, Secretary; Hiram BOREN, Senior Warden; Henry D. RIDDLE, Junior Warden

1850

NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED DURING 1850: John C. BYRD, Robert BEARD, Mathew JOINER, Linsey PEELER, Cyrus G. STEERS, James M. GORE, D.D. MATTICE, S.F. RANO, William HARLUSON, Charles D. ARTER, Isaac LYNCH

OFFICERS ELECTED IN 1850: James M. DAVIDGE, Worshipful Master; Joseph STREET, Senior Warden; Henry D. RIDDLE, Junior Warden; D.D. MATTICE, Chaplain; Absalom YOUNGBLOOD, Treasurer; James M. GORE, Secretary; D.D. ARTER, Senior Deacon; Hiram BOREN, Junior Deacon; Jas. M. HALL, Steward and Tyler

WASHINGTON LODGE NO. 55

Nashville, Washington County, Illinois

Chartered October 4, 1848, and still active.

1848

NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED DURING 1848: George T. HOKE, John WEIGHTMAN, Thomas H. CALLAWAY, Darius GREENUP, John D. WOOD, John C. BAKER, Harvey NEVILL, Samuel M. CARTER, Elzey G. COFFEY, Nahum W. ALLEN, Geo. W. HOTCHKISS, Lewis N. FARMER, Wm. A. LAMB, Jona J. SWANWICK, Robert COOK, Stephen GREEN, Livesay CARTER

OFFICERS ELECTED IN 1848: John G. BAKER, Worshipful Master; Thomas S. ROE, Senior

MASONIC LODGES (cont.)

Warden; Gabriel S. JONES, Junior Warden; Alexander D. DAY, Treasurer; Darius GREENUP, Secretary; John WEIGHTMAN, Senior Deacon; George T. HOKE, Junior Deacon

1849

NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED DURING 1849: Joseph M. HAMILTON, Gabriel JONES, Arthur DEMPSEY, William EDWARDS, Charles S. STARBUCK

OFFICERS ELECTED IN 1849: Lorenzo JOHNSON, Worshipful Master; Harvey NEVILLE, Senior Warden; E.C. COFFEY, Junior Warden; Nahum W. ALLEN, Chaplain; Alex D. HAY, Treasurer; Darius GREENUP, Secretary; Samuel M. CARTER, Senior Deacon; George T. HOKE, Junior Deacon; Lewis N. FARMER, Tyler

1850

NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED DURING 1850: William M. PHILLIPS, James PHILLIPS, David L. PHILLIPS, William A. LAMB

OFFICERS ELECTED IN 1850: Harvey NEVILLE, Worshipful Master; Geo. T. HOKE, Senior Warden; Geo. W. HOTCHKISS, Junior Warden; Nahum W. ALLEN, Chaplain; Gabriel JONES, Treasurer; Darius GREENUP, Secretary; Alexander D. HAY, Senior Deacon; Livesay CARTER, Junior Deacon; Lewis N. FARMER, Tyler

BENTON LODGE NO. 64

Benton, Franklin County, Illinois

Chartered October 5, 1848, and still active.

1848

OFFICERS ELECTED IN 1848: Samuel K. CASEY, Worshipful Master; Geo. W. AKIN, Senior Warden; Walter S. AKIN, Junior Warden; Isaac MULKEY, Chaplain; T. B. CANTRELL, Treasurer; R.E. YOST, Secretary; Isaac MULKEY, Senior Deacon; Wm. S. CRAWFORD, Tyler

NO RECORD FOUND FOR 1849

1850

NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED DURING 1850: James M. DOLLINS

OFFICERS ELECTED IN 1850: Samuel K. CASEY, Worshipful Master; Isaac MULKEY, Senior Warden; T.B. CANTRELL, Junior Warden; Braxton PARRISH, Chaplain; Walter S. AKIN, Treasurer; Robert E. YOST, Secretary; John H. MULKEY, Senior Deacon; Daniel MOONYHAM, Junior Deacon; James R. WARD, Steward; William S. CRAWFORD, Steward; John C. MURPHY, Tyler

CHESTER LODGE NO. 72

Chester, Randolph County, Illinois

Chartered October 4, 1849, and still active.

1850

NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED DURING 1850: David BLOCK, Morris BLOCK, M.A. BLOCK, Job LAWRENCE, M.R. RAY

OFFICERS ELECTED IN 1850: Gabriel S. JONES, Worshipful Master; Judson CLEMENT, Senior Warden; Wm. A. GORDON, Junior Warden; Thos. S. ROE, Secretary; R.B. SERVANT,

MASONIC LODGES (cont.)

Treasurer; F. SWANWICK, Senior Deacon; Adolph BLOCK, Junior Deacon; John YONTZ, Tyler

MITCHELL LODGE NO. 85

Pinckneyville, Perry county, Illinois

Chartered October 8, 1850, and still active.

1850

NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED DURING 1850: L.G. JONES, William RYALL, D.M. HOGE, Lewis HUMOCK, John WHEATLEY, R.H. EATON, Marion HOGE

OFFICERS ELECTED IN 1850: S.M. CARTER, Worshipful Master; Charles PETERS, Senior Warden; Joseph L. HAMILTON, Junior Warden; Wm. C. MURPHY, Treasurer; Wm. EDWARDS, Secretary; J.J. SWANWICK, Senior Deacon; Lewis HUMOCK, Junior Deacon; John WHEATLY, Tyler

FELLOWSHIP LODGE NO. 89

Marion, Williamson County, Illinois

Chartered October 8, 1850, and still active.

1850

NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED DURING 1850: J.M. CAMPBELL, B.F. FURLONG, Geo. L. OWENS, Gabriel SAUNDERS, Wm. D. SPELLERS, James MILLER, John WHITE, John S. TUTTON, J. M. LEWIS

OFFICERS ELECTED IN 1850: Robert H. MARRON, Worshipful Master; R.T. HOPPER, Senior Warden; Wm. M. EUBANKS, Junior Warden; Jo. HOFFSTUTLER, Treasurer; J.M. LEWIS, Secretary; B.F. FURLONG, Senior Deacon; John S. TUTTON, Junior Deacon; Gabriel SAUNDERS, Tyler

METROPOLIS LODGE NO. 91

Metropolis, Massac County, Illinois

Chartered October 8, 1850, and still active.

1850

NEW MEMBERS WHO JOINED DURING 1850: Henry GLASS, Edward McMAHON, G.W. WEST, John M. HARRINGTON, John V. SCHAUCHARD

OFFICERS ELECTED IN 1850: George HAWPE, Worshipful Master; Gabriel KAY, Senior Warden; H.L. COOK, Junior Warden; Joseph BECKER, Treasurer; Thos. G.C. DAVIS, Secretary; S.L. ROBERTSON, Senior Deacon; S.B. CARUTH, Junior Deacon; S.G. CHOAT, Tyler

INTERESTING PARALLELS

The **FIRST** Masonic Lodge in Illinois was Western Star Lodge at Kaskaskia.

The **First** capitol of Illinois was at Kaskaskia.

The **FIRST** Masonic Lodge building and the **FIRST** capitol building in Illinois were the same building in Kaskaskia.

The **FIRST** Grand Master of the Masonic Lodge in Illinois and the **FIRST** Governor of Illinois was Shadrack BOND.